

What is claimed is:

1. A method for forwarding an e-mail message from a first e-mail address to a second e-mail address, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an e-mail message from a first computer addressed to a first e-mail address to a second computer at a third e-mail address;

receiving the e-mail message at the second computer associated with the third e-mail address;

parsing the first e-mail address from the e-mail message in the second computer to determine if there is a second e-mail address associated with the first e-mail address;

if yes, sending the e-mail message from the second computer to a third computer associated with the second e-mail address; and

if no, parsing the first e-mail address to extract the domain address from the e-mail address to determine if the domain address of the e-mail address has been registered with the second computer.

2. A method as recited in claim 1 further including the step of determining if a list of usernames for the parsed domain name address has been registered with the second computer if it is determined that the domain address of the e-mail address has been registered with the second computer.

3. A method as recited in claim 2 further including the step of determining if there is a closet match between the username of the e-mail and with any username registered with the second computer ad associated with the parsed domain name address if it is determined that a list of username for the parsed domain name address has been registered with the second computer.

4. A method as recited in claim 3 further including the step of sending the closest match username to a user of the first computer if it is determined that there is a closest match between the username of the e-mail message and with the usernames registered with the second computer and associated with the parsed domain name address.

5. A method as recited in claim 4, further including the step of sending a suggested format for formatting usernames associated with the parsed domain name address of the e-mail message sent from the first computer if it is determined there is no closest match between the username of the e-mail message and with the usernames registered with the second computer and associated with the parsed domain name address.

6. A method as recited in claim 1 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the first computer from the second computer indicating that the e-mail has been sent to the second e-mail address.

7. A method as recited in claim 1 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the first computer from the second computer indicating that the e-mail message was not forwarded to another e-mail address if another e-mail address is not associated with the first e-mail address in the second computer.

8. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the parsing step includes the step of comparing the first e-mail address to a look-up table to determine if the first e-mail address is contained in the look-up table.

9. A method as recited in claim 1 further including the steps of:
sending an e-mail message from the first computer addressed to a first e-mail address to a third computer at the first e-mail address; and

receiving the e-mail message at the first computer with a message indicating that the e-mail message was not delivered to the third computer at the first e-mail address.

10. A method as recited in claim 1 further including the steps of:
- accessing the second computer by a user of the first computer having the first e-mail address; and
 - associating the first e-mail address with at least the third e-mail address in the first computer.

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